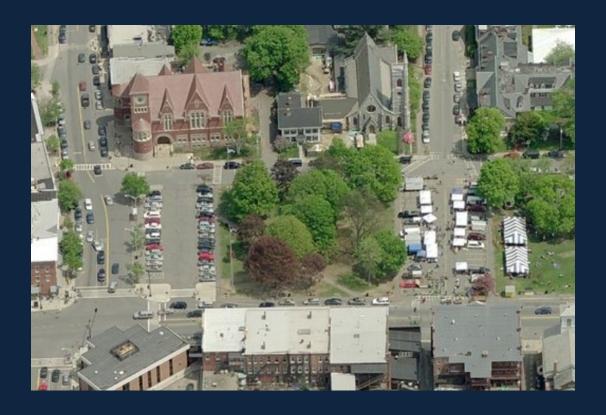
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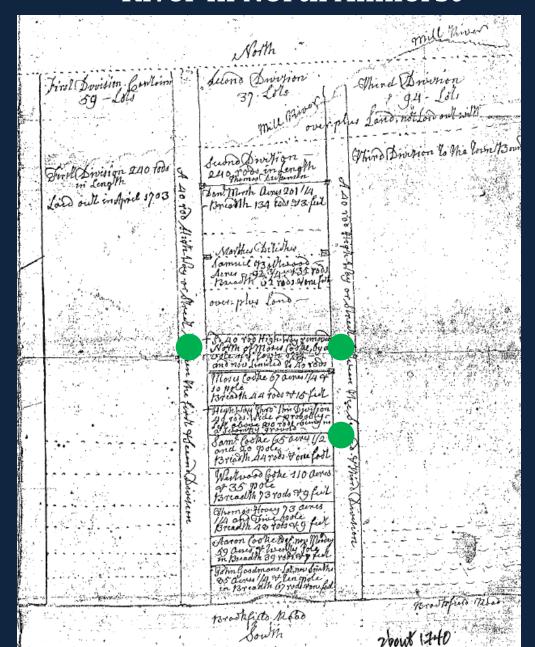


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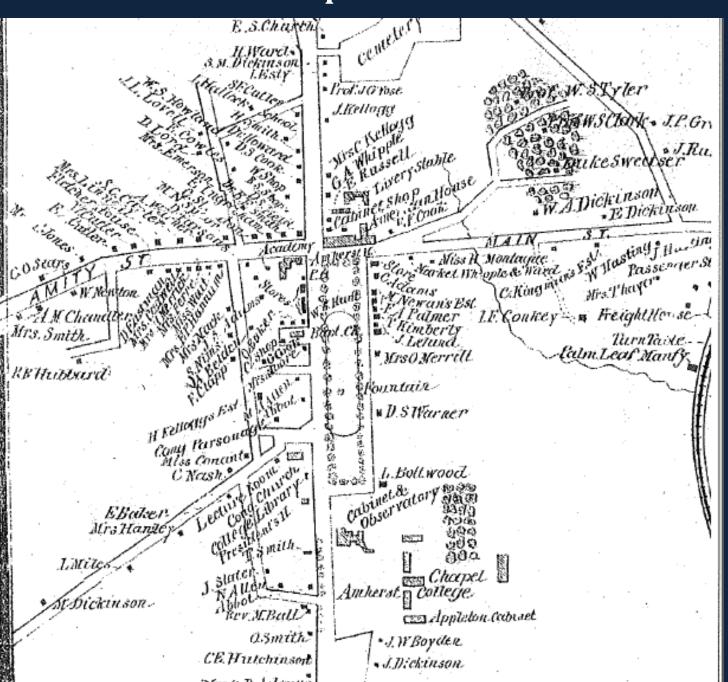
History of the Town Common

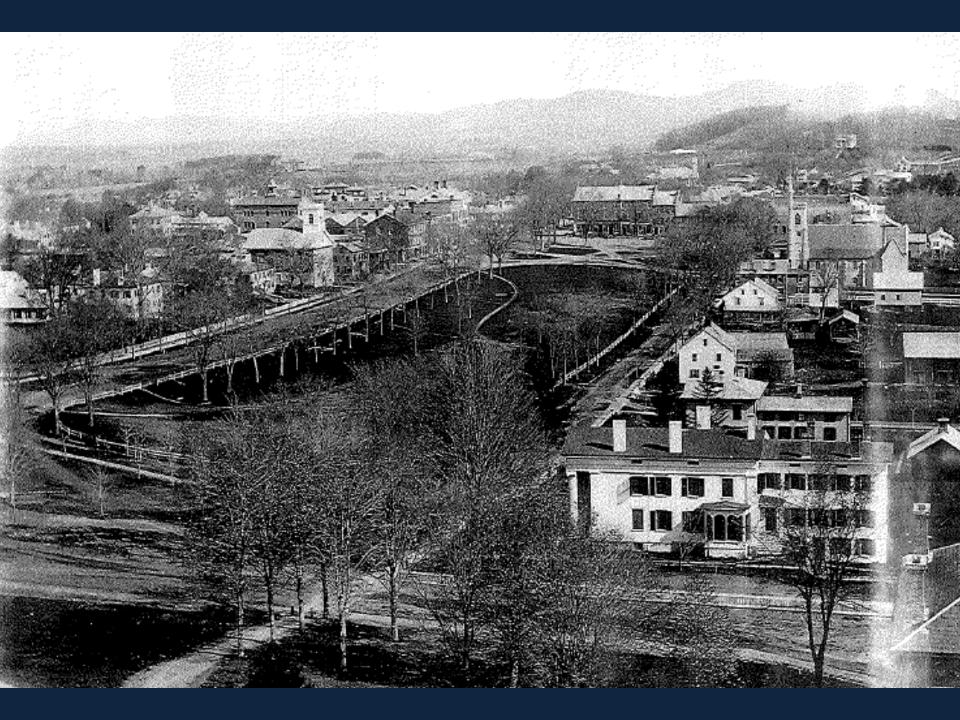
- Town Common is as old as Amherst
- Town Common is part of the road right of way and is not a piece of property
- Amherst Town Council has jurisdiction over the Town Common
- Many boards and committees are involved with maintenance and planning of the Common
- It is an original historic common, not a park, used for civic events and communal uses and gatherings
- The Town Common has been continually redesigned over the years to accommodate changing public needs

Ca. 1740 Map-Original Layout of Common From Bay Road to Mill River in North <u>Amherst</u>



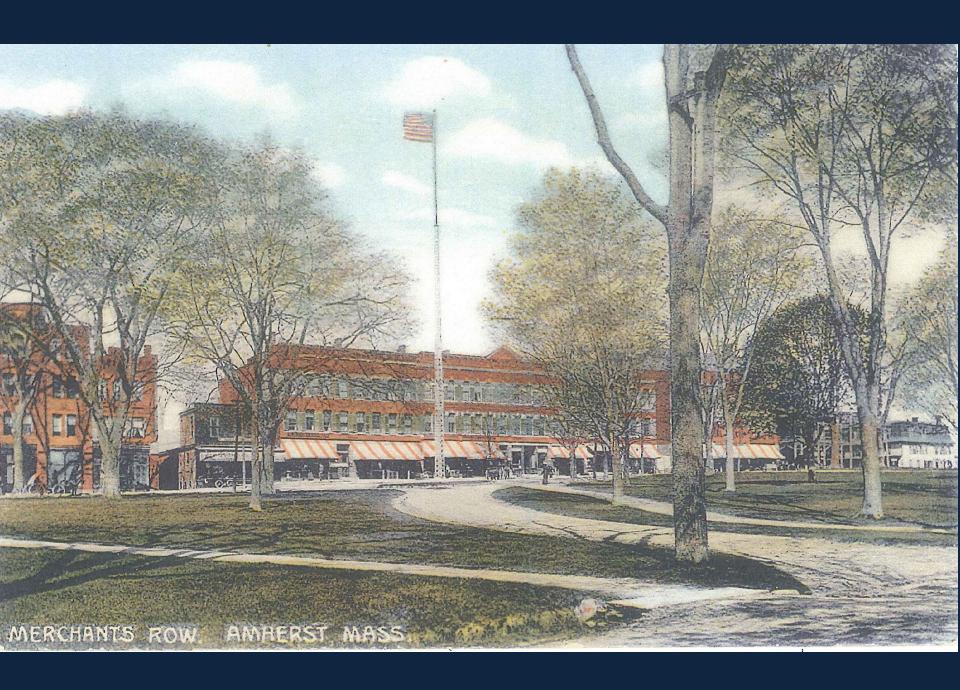
Ca. 1860 Map-Town Common

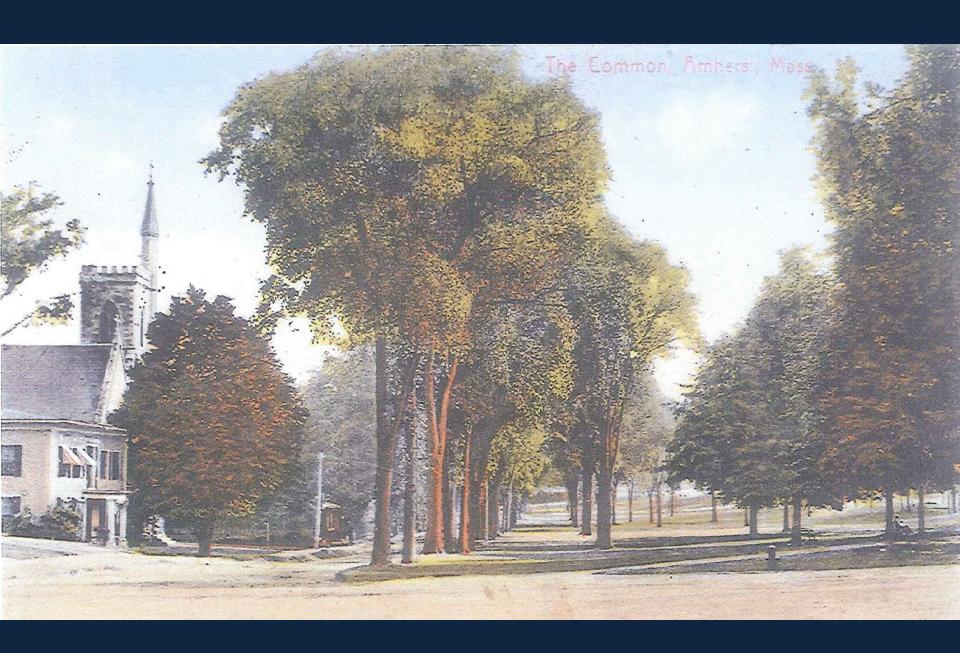




1874 Frederick Law Olmsted Design of Town Common









Critically Important Space for Town Center

North Common is:

- Central to Downtown
- An important Open Space
- Used for weekly/monthly special occasions
- Surrounded by local businesses
- A key to revitalizing Downtown
- Critical for economic development
- Crucial to rebuilding Downtown post COVID-19



Issues that need to be solved

- Current conditions of the Common:
 - Historic site, including WCTU Fountain
 - Areas of poor drainage and no turf
 - Lack of accessibility
 - Limited pedestrian paths, seating, lighting and gathering spaces

Existing Conditions

- Limited pedestrian paths, seating, lighting and gathering spaces
- Lack of accessibility





Existing Conditions

- High pedestrian use
- Significant areas lacking turf and grass
- Poor drainage







Existing Conditions

Deteriorating site amenities



Concept Considerations

- Based on site assessment and past comments
- A key downtown space
- Used year-round
- An urban setting
- Preserve its historic character
- Pedestrians
- Accessibility and safety
- Amenities such as seating and lighting
- Drainage
- Gathering spaces

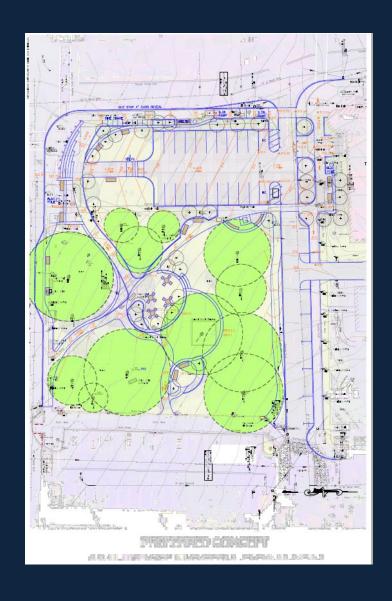




Weston & Sampson Preferred Concept Plan



Department of Public Works Revised Plan



Available Funds as of November 5, 2020

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